

community service. Leadership with the Pacific Grove Kiwanis, the USO, YMCA and the Life Underwriters Association are just some of the many boards he has served on. But his greatest community love is the Monterey History and Art Association. As a long time board member and President from 1964–65 he was instrumental in laying the early groundwork to establish the Monterey Maritime Museum. While a board member for the National Trust for Historic Preservation, Edwin helped place the Cooper-Molera Adobe in Monterey on the National Registry of Historic Places. In addition, Edwin served on the first board to insure the preservation of Robinson Jeffers' Tor House.

Perhaps Edwin's greatest social love has been the Ancient and Honorable Society of Buckeye. Founded by close friend and then State Senator, Fred S. Farr, Ed has been its guiding light for over fifty years. This annual gathering of ranchers, fishermen, politicians, musicians, doctors, lawyers, educators and businessmen has given rise to local legends and many community events.

Madam Speaker, Edwin Bliss's accomplishments are distinguished and numerous. Edwin has lived an exemplary life grounded in truth, goodness and respect for others. I know my fellow members join me in congratulating him on his 90th birthday.

#### EARMARK DECLARATION

### HON. TODD TIAHRT

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 19, 2009*

Mr. TIAHRT. Madam Speaker, in accordance with the February 2008 New Republican Earmark Standards Guidance, I submit the following in regards to the Fiscal Year 2009 Omnibus Appropriations Act found in H.R. 1105:

ENERGY AND WATER—ARKANSAS RIVER FISH HABITAT, KANSAS

H.R. 1105, the FY 2009 Omnibus Appropriations Act contains a line item for the Arkansas River Fish Habitat in the Army Corps of Engineers' Section 206 account. The entity to receive funding for this project is the United States Army Corps of Engineers, Tulsa District located at 1645 S. 101 East Ave., Tulsa, OK 74128.

The funding will be used to address the feasibility of improving 122 acres of various types of habitat along the Arkansas River in Kansas. This money could be used to complete Plans and Specifications for this proposed restoration site.

This project complies with matching fund requirements.

IN RECOGNITION OF MR. JAMES F. SLOAN ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT AFTER 34 YEARS OF DISTINGUISHED PUBLIC SERVICE

### HON. SILVESTRE REYES

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 19, 2009*

Mr. REYES. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a fellow Army veteran, a man of

great integrity and an unwavering sense of commitment to his Nation, Mr. James F. Sloan, on the occasion of his retirement after 34 distinguished years of public service.

I have had the pleasure of working with Mr. Sloan in his role as the Coast Guard's Assistant Commandant for Intelligence. When he assumed his duties in 2003, the Coast Guard had only two years earlier been designated a member of the Intelligence Community. In the years since, Mr. Sloan has been responsible for modernizing the Coast Guard intelligence program to keep pace with an ever-expanding and increasingly complex set of national security threats.

Mr. Sloan has also worked to cultivate extensive relationships and collaborative partnerships with other elements of the Intelligence Community. He has been an enthusiastic advocate for bringing the Coast Guard's wide-ranging expertise to bear in a variety of crucial national missions. Under his leadership, the Coast Guard has become an integral actor in the fight against terrorism, providing port security, conducting maritime interdiction, and supplying essential tactical and operational intelligence to a variety of other U.S. Government agencies.

I would be remiss if I failed to mention Mr. Sloan's 21 years of service with the United States Secret Service. During more than two decades, he served as the agency's Deputy Assistant Director for Protective Operations and later as the Senior Program Manager of the Anti-Terrorism programs, where he represented the Secret Service on the National Security Council.

The Nation is better and safer as a result of Mr. Sloan's service. For that, we thank him.

#### TRIBUTE TO 2009 JOHNSON COUNTY MOVERS AND SHAKERS AWARD WINNERS

### HON. DENNIS MOORE

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 19, 2009*

Mr. MOORE of Kansas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to note an important event in the Third Congressional District of Kansas. On April 14, 2009, the Volunteer Center of Johnson County in Overland Park, KS, will honor outstanding youth volunteers. Eighty young people have been nominated by school personnel and nonprofit organizations for their dedication and service to the community. Youth volunteerism continues to grow and be a strong force in Johnson County. These 110 young people exemplify the true meaning of volunteerism and giving back to their community. It is my honor to recognize each student volunteer and their schools by listing them in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

#### MOVERS AND SHAKERS CLASS OF 2009

Rana Aliani—Barstow; Colton Anderson—Prairie Trail Jr. High; Samantha Atwell—Olathe South High School; Amber Atwell—Olathe South High School; Sydney Ayers—Barstow; Katie Bauer—Mill Valley High School; Mica Bengtson—Olathe South High School; Terrance M. Benson II—Shawnee Mission North High School; Ben Berger—Blue Valley Northwest High School; Briana Bowen—Shawnee Mission West High School; Nathaniel Bozarth—Olathe North High School; Jessica Brown—Shawnee Mission

North High School; Tanner Buzick—Prairie Trail Jr. High; Sally Carmichael—Shawnee Mission West High School; Kristy Carter—Olathe North High School; Caitlin Carter—Shawnee Mission West High School; William Cleek—Olathe North High School; Patrick Connell—Shawnee Mission West High School; Elizabeth Cornell—Olathe South High School; Hannah Cosgrove—Shawnee Mission East High School; Arielle Daniel—Olathe Northwest High School; Rudy Date—Blue Valley Northwest High School; Ben Davis—Shawnee Mission Northwest High School; Tyler Day—Prairie Trail Jr. High; Allison Ens—Olathe Northwest High School; Miranda Erickson—Olathe South High School; Amy Esselman—Shawnee Mission East High School; Emily Feder—Blue Valley Middle School; Melissa Gaddis—Olathe South High School; Evan Gage—Blue Valley Northwest High School.

Jennifer Garren—Shawnee Mission West High School; Christy Garren—Westridge Middle School; Kevin Garrett—Shawnee Mission West High School; Michael Garrett—Shawnee Mission West High School; Andy Gottschalk—Westridge Middle School; Lauren Gregory—Heritage Home School; Jonathan Gregory—Shawnee Mission Northwest High School; Robert Hale—Shawnee Mission West High School; Gabrielle Hanna—Chisholm Trail Jr. High; Anneet Hans—Olathe North High School; Myra Hawkins—Shawnee Mission West High School; Rebekah Hayner—Olathe Northwest High School; Cara Heneger—Shawnee Mission East High School; Lauren Hiatt—Olathe North High School; Taylor Hiatt—Olathe North High School; Tyler Howard—Olathe Northwest High School; Liz Huston—Olathe Northwest High School; Shelby Johnson—Olathe South High School; Taylor Johnston—Shawnee Mission West High School; Chantal Jorawsky—Olathe North High School; Katie Kelter—Olathe Northwest High School; Sean Kennedy—Shawnee Mission North High School; Joshua Kennedy—Shawnee Mission Christian School; Jordyn Kittle—Mill Valley High School; Rachel Knapp—Shawnee Mission West High School; Nicole Knapp—Shawnee Mission West High School; Kelli Koch—Mill Valley High School; Jessica Kruger—Olathe North High School; Samuel Linan—Olathe Northwest High School; Danielle Lucido—Lakewood Middle School.

Jessie Lueck—Blue Valley Northwest High School; Olivia Mansheim—Olathe East High School; Connor McGoldrick—Shawnee Mission West High School; Ashley Mercer—Westridge Middle School; Ashlyn Midyett—Olathe Northwest High School; Collin Myers—Lakewood Middle School; Paige Nawalany—Shawnee Mission Northwest High School; Nicholas Nawalany—Shawnee Mission Northwest High School; Jack Nelson—Olathe Northwest High School; Lucy O'Connor—Shawnee Mission East High School; Alexandra Olsen—Olathe Northwest High School; Chris Ouyang—Blue Valley Northwest High School; Aalok Patel—Olathe North High School; Nisha Patel—Olathe Northwest High School; Alex Pentola—Olathe South High School; Wade Pittrich—Shawnee Mission Northwest High School; Matthew Ramirez—Olathe North High School; Andy Rao—Blue Valley Northwest High School; Gabrielle Rehor—Trailridge Middle School; Logan Reilly—Westridge Middle School; Rachel Riedel—Westridge Middle School; Angela Ritz—Olathe North High School; Anna Robb—Shawnee Mission West High School; Dayna Rucker—Shawnee Mission North High School; Bethany Ruder—Olathe South High School; Bradley Schmalz—Shawnee Mission Northwest High School; Courtney Schmitz—Olathe South High School; Taylor Schwartz—Barstow; Caleb Shelton—Olathe South High School;